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## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS DATE June 15, 2005 MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS DOCKET NO. 2005-58-E - UTILITIES MATTERS

## **SUBJECT:**

DOCKET NO. 2005-58-E: <u>South Carolina Electric & Gas Company</u> – Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility & Public Convenience & Necessity as required under the Utility Facility Siting & Environmental Protection Act – Hopkins 230 kV-115 kV Substation & 230 kV Transmission Line. HEARING HELD: June 9, 2005. Office of Regulatory Staff does not oppose this matter. This matter is ready for Final Disposition.

## **COMMISSION ACTION:**

**Move** to approve SCE&G's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity for the construction and operation of new 230 kV transmission lines originating at the existing Wateree-Columbia Energy 230 kV line near Hopkins, South Carolina in southeastern Richland County, and an associated 230/115 kV substation to be located on a site acquired by SCE&G from Westinghouse on the Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC property near Hopkins, South Carolina. This motion is based on the following facts:

- SCE&G has demonstrated the need for these facilities to improve system economy and reliability for customers in the southeastern Richland County area of the utility's electric system;
- SCE&G has demonstrated that the proposed transmission line route is measurably superior to any alternative route considered:
- The proposed transmission lines and substation will have no significant environmental impacts on land use, vegetation, wildlife, threatened or endangered species, jurisdictional wetlands, designated floodplains or floodways;
- SCE&G commits to use care to minimize any impact on the environment during construction;
- The proposed transmission lines and substation will have no significant impact on cultural resources;
- There is reasonable assurance that the proposed project will conform to applicable State and local laws and regulations;
- Landowners adjacent to the new transmission line route do not oppose the proposed project; and,
- ORS does not oppose the request and, in fact, did not present witnesses at the hearing.

PRESIDING	Mitchell				Session: Regular
	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	Time of Session 2:30 PM
CLYBURN					APPROVED
FLEMING		$\bowtie$			APPROVED STC 30 DAYS ACCEPTED FOR FILING
HAMILTON		$\boxtimes$			DENIED
HOWARD					AMENDED TRANSFERRED
MITCHELL		$\bowtie$			SUSPENDED
MOSELEY		$\boxtimes$			CANCELED SET FOR HEARING
WRIGHT					ADVISED
					CARRIED OVER RECORDED BY SCHMIEDING